



DON'T RISK IT!

PASS IT ON...tell your family, friends, and neighbors who don't Click It about Idaho's New Safety Restraint Law:

Beginning July, 1, 2003, drivers and passengers in all seating positions manufactured with safety restraints must be properly restrained. The law applies as follows:

1. The law applies to all front and back seating positions.
2. Adult violators, 18 and older, get their own tickets whether they are drivers or passengers. The fine is \$10 each.
3. The adult driver gets the ticket if there are unbelted juveniles (under 18 years), in the vehicle. The non-cumulative fine is \$10.
4. If the driver is under 18 years of age, and the driver or any occupant under 18 years of age is unbelted, court costs are added to the cost of the \$10 ticket bringing the total fine to \$42.50. The driver gets the ticket.
5. A safety restraint citation can be issued when the driver has been detained for a suspected violation of another law.

In summary:

Adults - All adults in any seating position get a \$10 ticket. For adults with juvenile passengers, the adult driver gets the \$10 ticket.

Juveniles (under 18 years) - A juvenile driver is cited for an unbelted juvenile driver or passengers. Only the driver gets the ticket for \$10 plus court costs for a total of \$42.50. Juveniles, are not cited unless they are driving.

We Care, so CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!



This lifesaving message is brought to you by the Idaho Transportation Department's Office of Highway Safety and your Law Enforcement Agencies.

WHY CLICK IT!

Properly restrained requires that the occupant wear both lap and shoulder belt and that they be securely in the proper position in relation to your body. Improper usage is illegal and unsafe, and could lead to serious internal injuries or death. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

Every day, five Idahoans are either killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

The air bag/seat belt combination is 85% effective at reducing moderate and serious head injuries. Yet, 60% of Idaho's motor vehicle fatalities involve a serious head injury as an immediate or contributing factor for the traffic death. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

Your seat belt is your best defense against an aggressive, drunk, tired, or cell-phone-using distracted driver. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

In fatal crashes, 75 percent of occupants totally ejected are killed. Seat belts are effective in preventing ejections. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

A 30-35 mph crash is equivalent to a three story jump and impact into the ground. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

Eighty five percent of the medical costs for motor vehicle occupants injured in crashes are paid by others, and not the person who chose to not buckle up. These medical costs are paid primarily through taxes and your insurance premiums. Hospital costs are 55 percent higher for those not wearing seat belts. Don't be a burden on your friends, neighbors, and fellow Idahoans. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

Your children learn by example. Set a life-saving example for them. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

Make wearing safety restraints a family policy. This could protect your loved ones no matter whose car they are in. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

Children should progress through three types of child safety seats until they are physically developed enough to ride restrained by adult seat belts.

1. Rear-Facing Infant Seats (Birth to 20 pounds and under 1 year old).
2. Forward-Facing Child Safety Seats (20-40 pounds).
3. Booster Seats (40-80 pounds)

Booster Seats: Children who have completely outgrown their car seats should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until an adult seat belt fits them properly (usually 4' 9" and 80 pounds, about 8 years old). Children 4 to 8 years old are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury while being restrained in a seat belt rather than a booster seat.

ALL children under 12 years of age and less than 100 pounds should ride properly restrained in the back seat, and NEVER in front of an air bag. **CLICK IT, DON'T RISK IT!**

You may need your safety restraint only once, but when?

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